"I don't have time to sit and talk with them":
Hospitalists' perspectives on palliative care consultation for patients with dementia

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Table S1. Semi-structured interview guide

Questions	Probes
1. What types of patients do you think are appropriate for a palliative care consult?	• *Are there any factors, such as patient characteristics, clinical factors, or caregiver factors that might affect appropriateness for a PC consult?* • *What sorts of situations are there, if at all, where you would not consult palliative care?*
2. Can you tell us your thoughts about palliative care for patients with dementia?	
3. What do you think are the top palliative care needs for dementia patients?	• *How might the palliative care needs of patients with dementia differ from patients with other serious illnesses?*
4. Could you talk to me about your threshold for starting to discuss palliative care with dementia patients and their families? To consult palliative sub-specialty?	• *Have you previously made PC referrals for patients with dementia?* • *What is it about this particular situation that prompted you to make a palliative care referral?* • *Could you elaborate on the outcomes of this particular palliative care consult?*

5. I will be asking you a series of questions related to factors that influence your decision to discuss palliative care with dementia patients and families. What factors come to mind?	• *What role, if any, does [X] play in your decision-making to discuss palliative care with dementia patients and their families:*
	  - *patient's living situation prior to hospitalization*
	  - *patient's family*
	  - *hospital factors/culture*
	  - *potential treatments (e.g., antibiotics, feeding tubes) for symptoms that patients with dementia experience (e.g., aspiration, weight loss, ischemia, delirium)*

Table S2. Characteristics of hospitalists (N=28)

Characteristic	N (%)
Age in years	
25-34	10 (36)
35-44	12 (43)
45-54	5 (18)
55-64	1 (3)
Gender	
Male	17 (61)
Female	11 (39)
Race	
Asian	10 (36)
Black or African American	1 (3)
White or Caucasian	16 (57)
Other	1 (3)
Ethnicity	
Non-Hispanic	26 (93)
Years in Practice	
0-4	12 (43)
5-9	6 (21)
10-15	6 (21)
>15	4 (14)

*Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding